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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (December 24-31, 2008)

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[1](#)1. (SBU) This is another in a series of weekly reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents contacts and clashes with the PKK, as well as casualties incurred.

[1](#)2. (U) During the December 24-31, 2008 reporting period, three security officials were killed and another nine were injured during a PKK ambush in Cizre, Sirnak Province on December 24. The total number of security force casualties in 2008 was 143 killed and 256 injured.

[1](#)3. (U) During the same period, no PKK terrorist was killed in clashes. Four PKKers surrendered, including three in Silopi, Sirnak Province on December 28, and one in Reyhanli, Hatay Province on December 30. According to official TGS website figures, the number of PKK militants killed in 2008 was 657, the number of those captured was 165, and the number of those who surrendered was 170.

[1](#)4. (U) During the reporting period no civilian casualties were incurred in PKK-linked violence. The total number of civilian casualties for 2008 was 49 killed, with another 252 wounded.

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